Table B-17. Number of 1995 and 1996 science and engineering bachelor's degree recipients, by future plans for highest degree expected, by major field of degree: April 1997

Major field of 1995-96 S&E bachelor's degree	Total recipients	Future plans for highest degree expected			
		Bachelor's degree	Master's degree	Doctorate	Professional
All science and engineering fields	708,900	62,200	376,700	190,900	79,200
Major type					
Total science	593,800	49,700	298,200	170,200	75,700
Total engineering	115,100	12,500	78,500	20,700	3,500
Major field					
Computer and information sciences	41,000	6,500	26,500	7,400	S
Life and related sciences, total	139,000	10,300	58,000	37,900	32,800
Agricultural and food sciences	14,000	3,300	6,900	3,100	S
Biological sciences	115,300	6,600	43,800	33,200	31,700
Environmental life sciences including					
forestry sciences	9,700	S	7,300	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences	26,800	2,000	16,500	7,300	S
Physical and related sciences, total	36,600	2,600	14,200	15,000	4,600
Chemistry, except biochemistry	20,100	1,300	6,200	8,700	3,900
Earth sciences, geology, and	,	,	,	,	,
oceanography	9,200	1,000	5,300	2,600	S
Physics and astronomy	6,900	S	2,600	3,700	S
Other physical sciences	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology	138,000	8,900	66,100	55,000	8,000
Social and related sciences, total	212,400	19,400	116,800	47,600	28,600
Economics	33,300	3,900	21,200	6,000	2,200
Political science and related sciences	72,900	5,300	33,400	16,200	18,000
Sociology and anthropology	66,900	6,600	40,000	15,500	4,800
Other social sciences	39,300	3,600	22,200	9,800	3,600
Engineering, total	115,100	12,500	78,500	20,700	3,500
Aerospace and related engineering	3,000	200	1,900	800	S
Chemical engineering	11,600	1,500	6,200	3,100	800
Civil and architectural engineering	20,700	3,600	14,100	2,500	S
Electrical, electronic, computer and	.,	.,	, . ,	,	_
communications engineering	32,900	2,900	23,300	6,100	S
Industrial engineering	5,800	S	4,500	900	S
Mechanical engineering	27,900	2,600	20,600	4,400	S
Other engineering	13,200	1,500	7,900	2,800	1,000

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

**NOTES:** Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates on recent college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals whose most recent bachelor's or master's degree is in a science or engineering field and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1997